



Letter to the Citizens of Lynchburg

News articles regarding City Council's recent retreat have sparked discussion on the content of draft vision statements developed as a part of the retreat process. I would like to offer some perspective that was not provided by these articles.

The purpose of City Council's retreat was to build stronger interpersonal relationships among members that would result in them working together more effectively as a governing body. The crafting of a vision statement was intended to allow Council members to work together and develop a product from their collaboration. It was a part of a process, arranged by professional facilitators, that started with exercises to build understanding and trust and ended with a discussion about how to work better together toward common goals. In order to encourage the greatest possible exchange of ideas, participants must feel free to express themselves.

The Virginia Freedom of Information Act requires that governing body retreats be open to the public and the public has the right to know what goes on during a retreat. However, concerns about reporting that may focus on individual comments made during open discourse without respecting the process or its results may cripple a retreat's effectiveness. A delicate balance must be struck between the public's right to know and the need to fearlessly and freely explore ideas. The process becomes more difficult when the media is not present for the entire retreat and as a result only

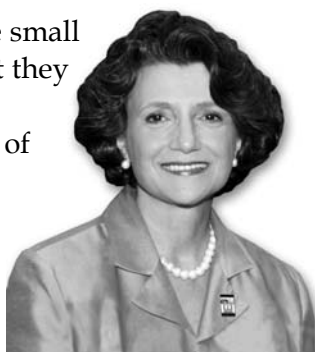
report on the small part of it that they witnessed independent of the broader context.

With the above perspective, I am providing the draft vision statement that City Council developed. To my knowledge, the media has not reported on this product but has instead focused on the process by which it was developed.

The draft Vision Statement addresses five (5) main themes: Community Character, Economic Prosperity, Good Government, Multicultural Vibrancy, and A Compelling Destination.

In conclusion, during a retreat individuals certainly must be responsible for their statements, however, they should also be able to express ideas that are not fully formed and that they might not fully embrace. It is through such an open and exploratory conversation that creativity can be enhanced, positions clarified, consensus reached, and trust created thus producing an end product that all members have had an opportunity to participate in.

I hope that this explanation helps the citizens of Lynchburg to better understand City Council's recent retreat.



Joan F. Foster
Mayor Joan F. Foster

Important Election Information

Lynchburg residents will have the opportunity to cast their vote for candidates vying for U.S. Senator, the Sixth District Representative to the U.S. Congress, and the Lynchburg Commonwealth's Attorney at the General and Special Election on **November 7, 2006.**



Three proposed amendments to the Virginia Constitution will also be on the ballot. Informational brochures on the constitutional amendments are available at the City Hall Information Desk, many post offices, the Lynchburg Public Library, and at the Registrar's Office, 3236 Odd Fellows Road, at the Division of Motor Vehicles. You may also obtain a brochure by calling 847-1609. If you need to register to vote, change your voter registration address, or vote an absentee ballot, please make a note of these dates:

Absentee ballots now available for mail-in absentee voting.

October 10

Last day to register to vote or change your address.

October 31

Last day to submit an application for a mailed absentee ballot.

October 28 and November 4

Saturday in-person absentee voting in the Registrar's Office (9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. in the lower level of the DMV).

November 4

Last day to vote an absentee ballot in-person.

November 7

Mailed absentee ballots must be received in the Registrar's Office, 3236 Odd Fellows Road, by the 7:00 p.m. closing of the polls.

For additional information or if you have questions, please call (434) 847-1609.

The City Source

The results of the recent 2006 Citizens Survey indicated that over 80% of the respondents indicated that they learned about city government and its operations through articles appearing in the newspaper. The statistic reaffirmed that *The City Source* newsletter was a good investment.

This fiscal year, we expanded *The City Source's* publication to include not only the News and Advance, but the Piedmont Area Journal and the Lynchburg Ledger, as well. It is vitally important that we provide you with the information that you want and need to know. To that end, we encourage reader feedback. If you have questions about any City government program, want clarification about an issue, or just have a suggestion, we'd like to hear it. Please e-mail us at: joann.martin@lynchburgva.gov

We look forward to hearing from you!

Kodak Moment for Lynchburg Fire Fighter



Captain Tom Bartell from Engine 6 takes a moment from his duties to befriend a young citizen, after responding to an accident on Beverly Street.

Silent Partner **ALERT** Program

According to the International Association of Chiefs of Police Crime Prevention Committee, "...community safety is everybody's responsibility and crime prevention is everyone's business. Crime prevention is not the exclusive province of law enforcement agencies. Policing cannot solve the problems of increasing criminality unless supplemented by preventative measures which include community involvement. Most police agencies face a shortage of resources, and the prevention and reduction of crime has become more than just a goal. It is a necessity for us all. Therefore, crime prevention is the responsibility of everyone."



To successfully prevent and reduce crime, we must collaborate with all sectors of the community to build trust and share timely information. By building such trust, law enforcement professionals, can encourage citizens to talk about problems and share critical information.

In an effort to take full advantage of the advancements in technology, the Lynchburg Police Department has partnered with *Silent-PartnerAlert.com*. This ground-breaking messaging service allows the Police Department to notify members of the Lynchburg community. *SilentPartnerAlert.com* allows the department to send electronic messages instantaneously to citizens via e-mail, text messaging, cell phones, and PDA's. Citizens are encouraged to register for this free service by accessing:

www.silentpartneralert.com

Horseshoe Tournament RESCHEDULED!

Sunday, October 15, 2:00 p.m.
(Rain Date October 22)

Registration and warm up will be from 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Check out the newly renovated Miller Park Horseshoe Pits!



PLAYER REGISTRATION

\$10 Advance/\$15 Day of Event

Please register at the Miller Center located at 301 Grove Street or call the Parks and Recreation Department at (434) 455-4000. This event is an open class tournament with double elimination. Teams will be drawn by number and trophies will be awarded to the top three winners.



OPEN HOUSE October 26

10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Join us as we celebrate *Customer Service Month* on October 26, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., City Hall, 900 Church Street, First Floor. We will have lots of useful information, demonstrations, giveaways, and refreshments. Come learn about our commitment to providing excellent customer service to the citizens of Lynchburg.

AUTUMN BAKE SALE!

October 28, 2006

7:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

The City of Lynchburg will sponsor an Autumn Bake Sale on **October 28, 7:00 a.m. - 12 Noon**, at the City Market. All proceeds will benefit the United Way of Central Virginia.



DRAFT Lynchburg City Council Vision September 15, 2006

We provide an environment in which individuals and families are free to pursue their dreams, hopes, and aspirations through our efforts to produce:

Community Character

The character of our City is defined by the values and behaviors of its residents and its natural and built environments. We are a beautiful, safe and comfortable community with hospitable, friendly, and caring citizens.

Economic Prosperity

Our City will maintain a vibrant, industrious community that will expand economic opportunities for our citizens. We embrace policies that will enhance economic prosperity with the support of a strong IDA, emphasis on education, workforce development, and a continued commitment to business-friendly initiatives.

Good Government

City government will deliver, in an equitable manner, public services through the effective and efficient stewardship of resources.

Multicultural Vibrancy

Lynchburg acknowledges, celebrates, and values its rich cultural, ethnic, racial, and religious diversity while promoting a respectful and cohesive community.

A Compelling Destination

The City is a regional draw for entertainment, shopping and business. Our unique historic heritage and tourism attractions draw a national audience. With its breadth of recreational experiences, centers of interactive living history, and opportunities for educational excellence, our City appeals to all generations.

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LAST COLLECTION DAY OF 2006!

For Lynchburg and Amherst County Residents

Saturday, October 14 (8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.)

Waste Management Facility (Landfill) on Concord Turnpike



PLEASE NOTE: You must bring a photo ID with you! Please bring household hazardous waste items in non-returnable containers! Amherst County residents must bring a voucher from the Amherst County Solid Waste Department. Call (434) 846-3324 to obtain a voucher.

What CAN you bring to the collection site?

Acids/Bases	Flammables	Photo Chemicals
Aerosols	Furniture Stripper	Polishes
Antifreeze	Herbicides	Pool Chemicals
Auto Starter	Kerosene	Poisons
Brake Fluids	Lighter Fluids	Solvents
Batteries	Oven Cleaners	Thinners
Cleaners	Oxidizers	Used Motor Oil
Corrosives	Oil Based Paint	Weed Killers
Drain Openers	Pesticides	Wood Preservatives

What NOT to bring to the collection site!

Agent Orange	Medical Waste	Radioactives
Ammunition	Oil Tanks	(Ex: smoke detectors)
Dioxin	Pathological Waste	Recyclables
Explosives	55 Gallon Drums	Silvex
Garbage	of Anything!	Stomp
Gas Cylinders	PCBs	TCDD
Kepone	PROWL	
Latex Paint	Prozine	
Liquefied Asbestos		